

SENATE BILL 808

By Niceley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to charter school funding.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-112(b), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

(4) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, if during a school year a charter school serving students in grades kindergarten through eight (K–8) has a student attrition rate greater than two hundred percent (200%) of the average attrition rate for the other kindergarten through grade eight (K–8) schools located within the LEA, the charter school shall be required to return to the LEA, at the LEA’s request, all state and local funds that have been provided to it that are attributable to each student above the two hundred percent (200%) threshold. The funds shall be returned to the LEA after annual attrition rates for the LEA for kindergarten through grade eight (K–8) students have been tabulated, but in no event later than June 30. For purposes of this section, “student attrition rate” means the decrease in the number of students from the start of the school year to the end of the school year. Annual student attrition rates shall be calculated by using the average daily membership model of the basic education program (BEP).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.